

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.
PCT/CA2004/001989

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER IPC⁷: F01C 1/344 and F02B 53/02

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC⁷: F01C and F02B

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic database(s) consulted during the international search (name of database(s) and, where practicable, search terms used)

Delphion and Canadian Patent Database; and search terms used: engine, pump, toroidal, toric, impeller, gear, elliptical, cylinder, rotor, driv and train

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No(s).
X	US 6,457,451 B1 (SAKITA) 01 October 2002 (01-10-2002) Abstract; figures 1 to 8, 12, 13, 21 to 27; column 2, line 66 to column 3, line 64; and	1, 6 and 7
Y	claims 1 to 6	2, 3 and 9
X	US 5,622,149 A (WITTRY) 22 April 1997 (22-04-1997)	1, 6 and 7
Y	Abstract; figures 1a to 8b; column 9, lines 44 to 66; and claims 1 to 29	2, 3 and 9

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

☒ See patent family annex.

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X	US 5,405,300 A (SAKITA) 11 April 1995 (11-04-1995)	1, 6 and 7
Y	Abstract; figures 1 to 8D; and claims 1 to 5	2, 3 and 9
X	US 4,068,985 A (BAER) 17 January 1978 (17-01-1978)	1, 6 and 7
Y	Abstract; figures 1 to 7F, and claims 1 to 55	2, 3 and 9
Y	US 3,061,180 A (DURGIN) 31 October 1960 (31-10-1960) Figures 1 to 3; and claims 1 to 5	2, 3 and 9
Y	US 3,398,643 A (SCHUDT) 27 June 1966 (27-06-1966) Figures 1 to 12; and claim 1	2, 3 and 9

Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of the first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons :

1. ☐ Claim Nos. :

because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely :

2. ☐ Claim Nos. :

because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically :

3. ☐ Claim Nos. :

because they are dependant claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a)

Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows :

Claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 are directed toward an engine or pump assembly

Claims 2 and 9 are directed toward a drive train comprising elliptical gears.

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.

2. ☒ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.

3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claim Nos. :

4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claim Nos. :

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☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Information on patent family members

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